

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF STEPHEN MICHAEL BISTARKEY, SR.

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Stephen Michael Bistarkey, Sr. who passed away on January 7, 2018. He was 45 years old.

Stephen was born in Youngstown, Ohio on November 10, 1972 to Andrew E. and Darlene S. (Anderson) Bistarkey. He was a 1991 graduate of Howland High School and attended the Apostolic Bible Church. He worked in the Trumbull County maintenance department.

Stephen was known for being an avid fan of the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Cleveland Indians, and the Oakland Raiders. In his free time, he enjoyed camping and fishing. Above all, he cherished his time with his son Stephen.

He is survived by a son, Stephen Michael Bistarkey, Jr. of Niles, Ohio; mother Darlene S. (Frank) Fuda of Niles; two brothers, Andrew E. (Connie) Bistarkey, Jr. of Niles and Kenneth J. Bistarkey of Niles; stepsister, Tonya (Donald) Swauger of Mineral Ridge; two stepbrothers, Frank "Buddy" (fiancée Mandy) Fuda of Rowlett, Texas and Tony (Devon) Fuda of Niles and several nieces and nephews.

I extend my deepest condolences to Stephen's family and friends. I know he is deeply missed by his son and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

FORT BEND COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for receiving the Texas Fire Marshals Association's (TxFMA) Achievement of Excellence Award and a Letter of Appreciation from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

The Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office was recognized for their performance excellence in fire prevention. This achievement award is the only formal recognition for performance excellence of organizations given by the TxFMA. In addition, the Letter of Appreciation identifies the Fire Marshal's staff for their leadership as a TCOLE agency. Our community is safer because of the dedication of the first responders in the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office. We thank them for their service and their sacrifice.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second District of Texas, congratulations again to the Fort Bend County Fire Marshal's Office for earning this distinction. I thank them for their commitment to keeping our community safe.

REMEMBERING "APOLLO 1," "CHALLENGER" AND "COLUMBIA"

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, "Sometimes when we reach for the stars we fall short," as President Reagan said. This time of year is difficult for the space community as we remember the 17 courageous astronauts lost to tragic incidents.

On January 27, 1967, Virgil Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee were performing tests of the *Apollo 1* spacecraft at Cape Canaveral when a fire broke out. Desperate efforts to rescue them were too late.

On January 28, 1986, a crew of seven lifted off aboard the space shuttle *Challenger*. Michael Smith, Dick Scobee, Judith Resnik, Ronald McNair, Ellison Onizuka, Gregory Jarvis and teacher Christa McAuliffe. Seventy-three seconds after liftoff, all were lost when the *Challenger* exploded.

On February 1, 2003, Pilot William McCool and Commander Rick Husband guided the space shuttle *Columbia* back into earth's atmosphere along with crewmembers Michael Anderson, Laurel Clark, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla and Ilan Ramon. The shuttle broke up during reentry, taking the lives of all on board.

Let us remember these 17 brave pioneers "who made the ultimate sacrifice so others could reach for the stars."

HONORING TEMPLE SINAI IN SANDY SPRINGS

HON. KAREN C. HANDEL

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mrs. HANDEL. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Temple Sinai in Sandy Springs, Georgia.

For 50 years now, Temple Sinai has served the reform Jewish community in Atlanta, Georgia.

In February of 1968, thirty people sat in on a meeting to discuss the formation of a Reform Jewish congregation in Atlanta. One month later, 145 families signed on as chapter members.

Today, 50 years since that first meeting, over 1,300 Georgians proudly call Temple Sinai home.

Senior Rabbi Ron Segal has been a member of the clergy at Temple Sinai since July 1996. As a board member of the Atlanta chapter of the American Jewish Committee and as an advisory board member of the William Breman Jewish Home, Rabbi Segal has shown a commitment to our city that extends well beyond the perimeter of Temple Sinai.

Mr. Speaker, Temple Sinai will have served our community for a full half century this February, and they continue to go above and beyond in their service to their neighbors.

From offering educational opportunities to serving as a center of Jewish life in Atlanta, I want to wish Temple Sinai 50 more years of continued success as a pillar of the Jewish community in Atlanta.

COMMEMORATING THE 2018 NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize all of the Catholic schools and parishes in the 18th District of Illinois and across the nation that will be participating in National Catholic Schools Week. This week, over seven thousand Catholic schools will host more than two million students to celebrate this year's theme: "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) has proven extraordinary leadership and development with 99 percent of all students graduating high school and 85.7 percent go on to higher education. The NCEA's legacy of success is a testament to the quality education and guidance through faith that each student receives during their time at Catholic schools.

As a graduate of St. Anne Grade School in East Moline, Illinois and Spalding Catholic High School in Peoria, Illinois, it is my privilege to be an original co-sponsor of legislation that recognizes and supports National Catholic Schools Week. The education and religious values that these institutions instill serve as a strong foundation for a fulfilling relationship with God and inform our daily lives with lessons of faith.

I am thankful every day for the experiences and lessons that I have gained through my Catholic upbringing, and I am grateful that my three sons also attend Catholic schools that will prepare them to learn, serve, lead, and succeed like so many other children across the nation.

While we reflect this week on the impact that our schools have had on our spiritual growth, let us also recognize the contributions that the National Catholic Educational Association continually provides for our communities. Once again, I am pleased to commemorate National Catholic Schools Week and I look forward to many more years of continued success and celebration.

IN RECOGNITION OF WEAVE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 29, 2018

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) as it celebrates its 40th Anniversary. As the community gathers to honor this organization, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this nonprofit for its long history of service to the Sacramento region and beyond.

In 1978, WEAVE opened its first shelter to provide services and resources to survivors of domestic violence. It soon expanded its services to help sexual assault and human trafficking survivors through legal assistance, emergency shelters, crisis intervention, community prevention education programs, and a 24-hour support and information line. In its 40